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MANITOWOC MAN SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS IN PRISON FOR EXPORTING RESTRICTED ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS TO CHINA

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — A Manitowoc resident was sentenced here to five years in prison last week for exporting restricted electronic components to China. This joint investigation was conducted by: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the FBI, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Export Enforcement, and the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division.

Ning Wen, 56, was sentenced January 18 to 60 months imprisonment by U.S. District Judge William C. Griesbach, Eastern District of Wisconsin, for export control and money-laundering violations. He was also ordered to pay a \$50,000 fine and given two years of supervised release. He has also agreed to forfeit his interest in his Manitowoc home and \$329,000 in cash.

A jury convicted Wen in September of nine counts related to his participation in a conspiracy to illegally export more than \$300,000 in electronic components to the People's Republic of China (PRC) from 1991 to 2004. The electronic components, primarily semi-conductor chips, had a wide variety of applications, including military radar and communications applications, and as such, required the U.S. government's permission to export to the PRC because of national security concerns over potential uses.

Wen and his co-conspirators, including his wife, Hailin Lin, and two Chinese nationals, intentionally disregarded the licensing requirements and shipped the items to China, where they were distributed to entities and institutes including some that conduct military research and development. The jury also convicted Wen of laundering money to promote the illegal exports.

Wen's wife, co-defendant Hailin Lin, previously pleaded guilty to the same charges. Judge Griesbach sentenced Ms. Lin to 42 months imprisonment and a \$50,000 fine on December 21. The two other co-defendants, Jian Guo Qu and Ruo Ling Wang, have also been sentenced. Jian Guo Qu, a Chinese national employed at the Beijing Rich Linscience Electronic Co., was sentenced July 26 to 48 months in prison and a \$2,000 fine. Ruo Ling Wang, Qu's wife and also a Chinese national employed at Qu's workplace, was sentenced to the seven months she had already served while in custody and a \$1,500 fine.

The Manitowoc Police Department also assisted in the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Erica N. O'Neil and Michelle Jacobs, Eastern District of Wisconsin, prosecuted this case.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.